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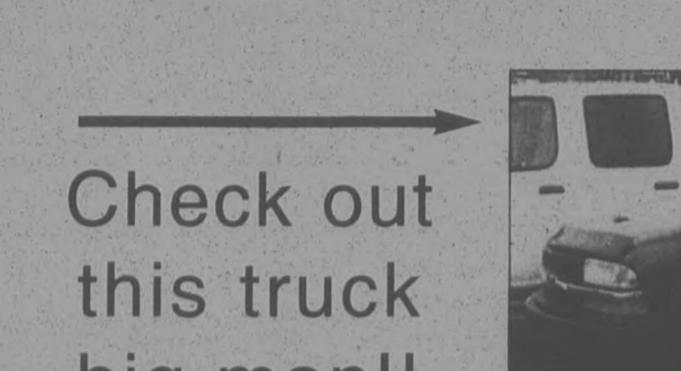
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# The Elba Clipper

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During Coffee County BOE meeting  
Status of Zion Chapel ball field project addressed

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram updated board members  
on the construction of the Zion Chapel ball fields Thursday

evening, Feb. 7, during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board.

"I would like to explain about

the status for the construction of

the ball fields at Zion Chapel,"

Ingram said. "This is a project

that has been going on for sever-

al years."

She said the project began after the Coffee County Commission cleared the old pond site at the school system to allow an investigation into the possibility of building a ball field. Although the site had numerous springs and was very

deep, she said the help of the county commission, especially Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer allowed for dirt to be added and drain tiles placed to help move water out of the area.

"As recently as this last month, the county has been back to the site because of poor drainage," said Ingram. "The ditches have been adjusted so that there will be the needed

restrooms."

She said that she expects the work to be completed and available for use by next school year. Also, she said the facilities will include a press box with

restrooms."

"I appreciate all of the help that the parents, community members, legislators, commissioners and other have given so that the children would have a facility," said Ingram.

Another update provided to the board by Ingram included that of news surrounding various grants approved for the school system.

Ingram said Ricky Mularz, Elba Parks/Recreation Director, has helped with the issuance of specs for fencing, and she said specs for fencing and lighting will also be sent out.

Also, she said the funds for the project are available to continue once the above mentioned troubles have been corrected. She again thanked the county,

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## ALERT

The administration of the

Elba General Hospital

and Nursing Home has

placed into effect a visitor

restriction. There will be

no routine visiting of res-

idents until further

notice. No children

please! Due to the wide-

spread cases of flu, pneumo-

nia, and respiratory

infections in the commu-

nity, visitation is being

restricted. All visitors

must report to the nurse's

station for further

instruction. Cooperation

in this matter would be

appreciated.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON WRECK SENDS TWO TO THE HOSPITAL - The driver and passenger of a vehicle that overturned on Coffee County Road 513 a dirt road just outside the Elba City Limits Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12, were taken to the Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS. The one-vehicle accident occurred around 4 p.m., and officials said the driver, Gary Parker of Elba, indicated that he lost control of the 1992 Pontiac Grand Am after a dog ran in front of him. The vehicle left the roadway and hit a concrete building as it flipped. Tony Parker, also of Elba, was the only other person in the vehicle. The extent of the injuries to the driver and passenger were not known at press time. Responding to the accident were units from the Elba Fire Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Coffee County EMS. Also responding was Alabama State Trooper Willie White who investigated the incident.

Commission thanks Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission began its regular bimonthly meeting Monday morning, Feb. 11, with a special presentation honoring Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

During the previous meeting of the commission, it was decided that the commission would publicly thank the senator and representative for all the work they have done for the work they do.

While speaking to the commissioners, Coffey also took the opportunity to introduce Christina Kirkland, the newest county extension agent. She said Kirkland will be working with nutrition education, the community, and hot pay is federally funded with the county bearing no cost.

"We're working together as a team," Spicer said. "It is a pleasure to serve Coffee County in Montgomery, and we appreciate you taking time of your schedule to thank us."

Holley told it is a pleasure to interact with the county, and he commended the commission, highway department and county administrator for the work they do as well.

County Extension Coordinator Sandra Coffey addressed the commission and offered a challenge to the group of elected officials.

"I'm going to issue a challenge to not only our commission, but also to Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer," she said. "I am here today not only to ask you to endorse our health initiative but also to participate."

She said the health initiative is organized to help people lose weight while increasing their exercise habits, and the initiative will go hand-in-hand with the Walk Alabama campaign.

Beginning in March, Coffey said teams of eight people will be challenged to walk up to 850 miles. She said the initiative of the extension office is to get

prepared for the possibility of severe weather by having disaster plans and disaster kits prepared.

As part of the Severe Weather Awareness Week, the County will participate in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, weather permitting. The Commission encourages our citizens and particularly our school

systems to test their severe weather plan during the drill. Our County Emergency Management Agency stands ready to assist you in all aspects

## Students take

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County School System embarked on a new adventure at the beginning of 2002, and thus far it has proven to be a success beyond anyone's imagination.

SAFE (Supporting Alternatives for Education) School opened its doors at the Coffee County Board of Education on Monday, Jan. 7, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she was thrilled to have students taking advantage of the program.

"On that first night, we had more than we ever dreamed of," Ingram said. "I am very pleased the students and parents took advantage of the opportunity."

She said the application for the grant was written during the 1999-2000 school year, and the monies came from the Children's First Tobacco Settlement. When the grants were awarded, Coffee County received \$50,000 to be used over an extended amount of time. Ingram said the grant was applied for again this year, and the school system received an additional \$26,000.

The basic idea behind SAFE school are: 1) Provide remediation for students who have failed a core course or the graduation exam; 2) Provide a flexible schedule that allows alternative placement for students seeking training during the day; and 3) Provide an alternative discipline setting and an opportunity for students with excessive absences to make up their work.

"So far we have used SAFE School for make-up work and as a discipline setting," Ingram

said.

The classes taught include science on Monday nights, social studies on Tuesday nights, math on Wednesday nights and English on Thursday nights.

Thus far, Ingram said 106 students have enrolled for the SAFE School program, and this is not limited only to students from the Coffee County School System.

As a matter of fact, Ingram said one student travels from Hartford to attend one of the classes.

With no grant funding, SAFE School is at no cost to the students to attend, and Ingram said the students attend four hours a night. To earn a half credit, the students must complete 70 hours at SAFE School.

In regards to the alternative placement, Ingram said the school system is not all children can attend school from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Some students seek training for certain careers, and she said SAFE School provides a perfect opportunity for students to train during the day and keep up with their school work by attending the night classes.

"We hope SAFE School will help with our dropout rate which is higher than we would like for it to be," said Ingram. "Let's keep our children in school because we want them to graduate."

As for the future, Ingram said as long as the school system continues to receive funding through grants, she hopes to keep SAFE School a permanent fixture in Coffee County.

## Area Happenings

BOOK SALE The Elba Public Library will have a book sale on Friday, Feb. 15, from 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

LAKE HOURS The Coffee County Lake will open for the season on Friday, Feb. 15. For more information, call 977-2131.

BOOK DRIVE The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs of area schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Biggs. The book drive will continue through March.

EHS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY: The administration, faculty and students of the Elba School System are currently celebrating Black History Month. A highlight of this celebration will come Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 9:45 a.m. when Gregory Calhoun of Calhoun Foods Inc. of Montgomery speaks to the school system during a program set to exemplify the theme of the month long celebration.

"Black History Month - Celebrating a Rich Heritage." Also, the EHS Chorus will perform during the ceremony. Above, several members of the faculty at EHS promote the upcoming program. Those pictured include (from left): Ellis Daniels, Cal Donna Howard, Mike Williams, Pam Baker, Danny Weeks, Ingrid Clark, Lynn Weeks and Pasture Robinson.

Commission chairman Tom Grimsley thanks Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley Monday morning, Feb. 11, for all the work they have done to assist Coffee County. In the background are commissioners Kayo Lewis, Linda Westbrook, Jim Thompson and Robert Stephens. Also present, but not pictured, was Commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

America does not have a monopoly on nutty lawsuits. In Australia an Aboriginal elder has filed suit claiming that Qantas Airlines cannot use the kangaroo as a mascot without the permission of the marsupial's indigenous "owners." In our words since the Aborigines were in Australia first (as far as history records, they were first), they own all the wild animals, etc. If anyone wants to use the likeness of one as a mascot they must pay the natives. Of course the experts doubt the lawsuit will get anywhere, but it still may clog up the courts until it is officially decided. Just think, if the Aborigines prevail in this matter, the whole world will erupt with similar court cases. Plus, there is the whole issue of who owns the kangaroo in America the debate over which Indian tribe gets the money would be larger than the original argument. None of us here today would live to see that battle completely settled.

Election time is getting closer. If there is any doubt, just listen as to potential candidates for local offices begin to feel out the field. Right now most of the hometown potential candidates are only dipping their toe into the water to test the temperature. However if someone wants to be a candidate this year, decision time is now upon them. One county school board candidate said Tuesday he would like our help "when the time comes" but he was reminded that such action would immediately gather him all those voters who are already convinced we are nuts!

The Alabama Legislature is still in session, but is not passing much legislation due to a disagreement. Regardless of the reason, the citizens are usually safer if they will continue this log jam. Actually our own Senator Jimmy Holley is in the middle of the logjam. As lawmakers rejoice over some potential extra millions in cash from a lawsuit settlement, they disagree over how to spend it. Holley wants a big chunk put into programs for senior citizens, while others have their own pet projects in mind. It will be interesting to see the outcome on this issue.

We have written about the education trust fund in previous weeks and now it seems our concerns are not just our imagination. Reports are that state income tax funds are coming in lower than expected... like over nine million dollars lower already! The best estimates for this year were that after the proposed pay raises for teachers there would only be a two million dollar surplus at the end of the year and this nine million drop puts that to a seven million deficit or... more statewide portion! Need we say any more, even if it is an election year?

The Elba Water and Electric Board held a required public hearing Monday night. This was to give the public the results from a several year review of the safety of the local drinking water. Well, if you eliminate the news media, there were no public there to listen. Anyway the good news is that the Elba drinking water is very safe! The mark that makes up the walls you see along the banks of the Pea River is all under this area and serves as an almost impregnable barrier for contaminated groundwater that might otherwise seep into the Elba water supply. Just another reason to be thankful if you live in Elba, Alabama.

The decision by the New Brockton town council to table their efforts to extend the city limits was a wise one. Apparently they had not done their homework before the previously announced annexation plan was released and it caused some hard feelings. What (or if) they will try next time is anyone's guess but hopefully they will put more one-on-one time with the citizens impacted BEFORE getting to the public hearing part of the process. We continue to be amazed at how cooperative people can be when they are involved in the whole process, yet how often those in position of power fail to take advantage of this simple and almost rock-solid fact.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 4, 2002, through February 10, 2002. They were: Ross Tyson, Claudia Behrens, Ricky Carpenter, Homer Coleman, Agnes Dixon, Clarissa Smith, Sheila Magwood, Annie Kelley, Erin Bryan, Kilby Kelley, Tiffany Burks, Pearl Mosely, Alma Wise, Martha Holland, Velma Griffis, Wanda Messick, Estelle Kendrick, Jessie Whitfield, Anna Williams, Era Smith, Diane Duncan, Mary Lindsey, Malcolm Taylor, Annie Esposito, Eleonor Adkinson, Ricky Chandler, Dexter Goodwin, Donald Foley, Margaret Watkins, Shirley Esposito, Estelle Kendrick and Annie Williams.

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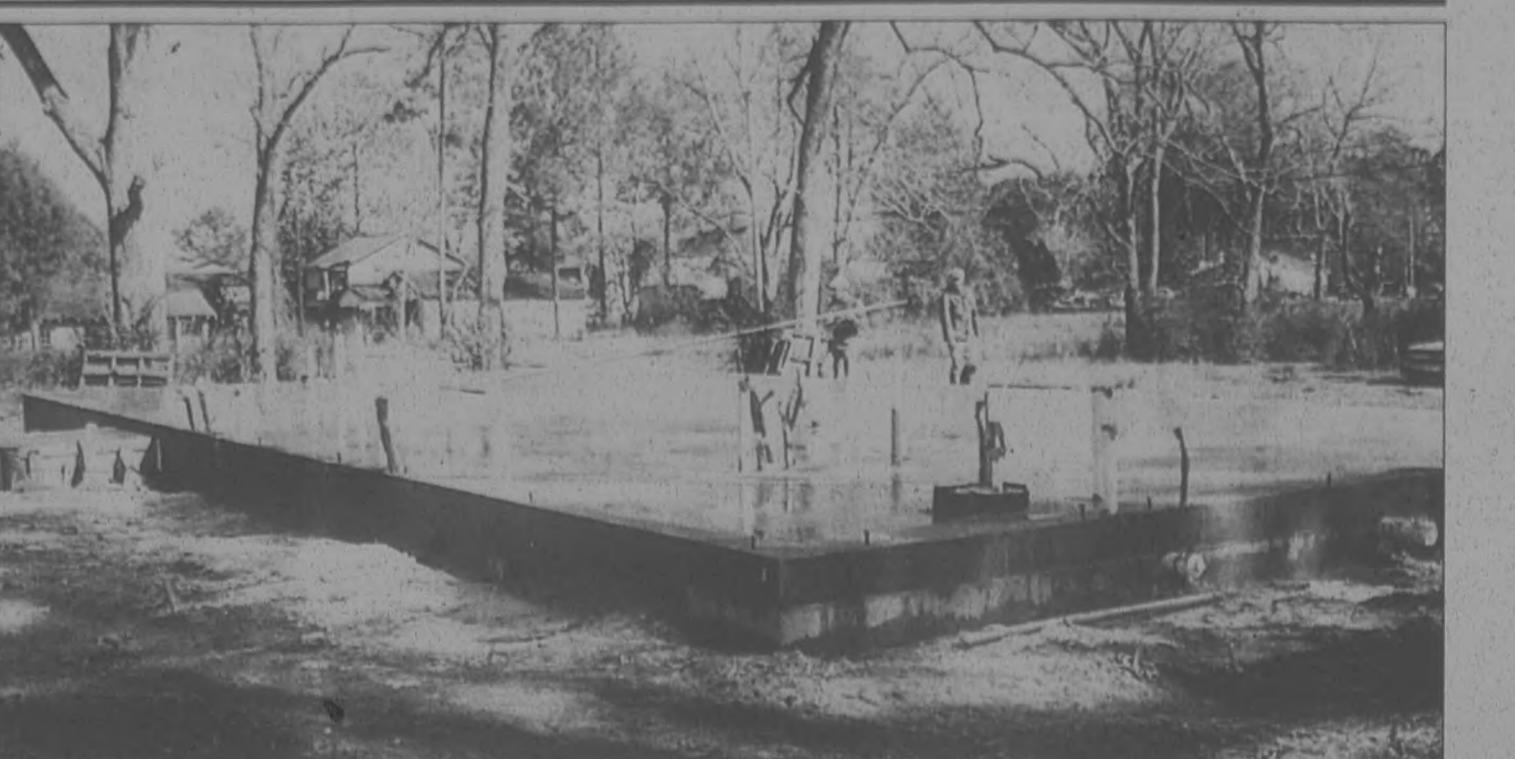
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6 months - \$9, including city & state tax  
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6 months - \$10  
Conecuh Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11



**HABITAT HOME UPDATE...** Work is progressing with the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity home being built in Elba. The home is the second to be built in the county by Habitat for Humanity. On Monday, Feb. 11, workers were on-site pouring the concrete for the structure. As the photo indicates, the concrete was poured and leveled in a timely manner as the overall project continues to move along well. Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help with the construction of this home is encouraged to contact Daniel Stephens or Jim Nichols in Elba. Also, monetary donations are accepted.

## President Bush rallies the nation

by Congressman Terry Everett  
2312 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2901

The ratings services say nearly \$3 million Americans turned to the Web president George W.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department beginning Monday, February 4, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one driving under the influence, one cellular telephone removed from a vehicle, two for theft of property, one forgery, one resisting arrest and one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: one for driving under the influence, one for possession of marijuana, two for theft of property, one forgery, one resisting arrest and one public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
River stage - 6.80 feet (7:39 a.m.); Alarm activated at 8:17 p.m.; Big Little East (11:35 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

6 - River stage - 6.79 feet (6:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 167 N. near the intersection of County Rd. 129 (2:23 p.m.).

Alarm activated at 8:04 p.m.; Burglary in progress reported at a residence on County Rd. 372 (9:24 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

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Alarm activated at 8:04 p.m.; Burglary in progress reported at a residence on County Rd. 372 (9:24 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

River stage - 6.60 feet (7:39 a.m.); Alarm activated at 8:17 p.m.; Big Little East (11:35 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

River stage - 6.60 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm activated at 8:17 p.m.; Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1007 Forest Ave. (8:45 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

River stage - 6.93 feet (6:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 9:22 a.m.; Loud music reported on Highland Dr. (7:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a mobile home fire across from 831 Davis St. (8:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the mobile home fire across from 831 Davis St. (8:18 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

River stage - 6.60 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm activated at 8:17 p.m.; Civil disturbance (fighting) in progress reported on Pea River Bridge (10:28 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

County EMS dispatched to 200 Brunson St. (3:45 a.m.);

**BULLETIN BOARD**

• **SOCIAL SECURITY - REP.** - Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call 417 W. Buford St., Elba, Alabama 36323.

• **ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon** - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA INDUSTRIAL ASSN. - 3rd Tues.** - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Tues.** - Elba City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday** following 2nd Monday 8 p.m. - City Hall.

• **LEIF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday** - 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side of W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 2nd Tues.** - Elba City Hall.

• **COMMUNITY ROOM in Farm Center Complexes @ New Brockton**

• **LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues.** - Elba City Hall.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs.** - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• **MECHANIC'S LAKE - 1st Thurs.** - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.** - Elba City Hall.

• **BAL BOOSTERS - 1st Mon.** - 7 p.m. Bad Boyz @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:15-2:30 p.m.** - 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complexes.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat.** - 3 p.m. Club House

• **REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise**

• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st & 3rd Monday at noon, City Hall Conference Room**

• **AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.** - Elba

• **CITY AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Discus hall**

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room**

• **PEOPLES BANK - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba**

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

### ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006



Scripture: Zephaniah 1:1-18

A.M.E. Church on February 16, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Frazer, Ford, Daniels, Hamilton, Robinson, Jones and Ballard families: Ann Haynes, Lynsey Manning, Annie Williams, Wanda Edmondson and family, Linda Sims, Jewel Womack, Anna Joann Caldwell, Mildred Mosegrove, May A. Hooks, Marie Tillie Love Hooks and Juanita Rodgers.

\*\*\*February Birthdays: Lula Cole, Feb. 2, Kyson Edwards, Feb. 9, Wiley Brooks-Feb. 12, Ebony West-Feb. 17, Valentine Hill-Feb. 14, Sharon Williams-Feb. 14, Mattie Belcher-Feb. 21 and Floya Onsteen Kelley-Feb. 18.

\*\*\*Bethelam Missionary Baptist Church in Orion, Ala. will hold their Annual Youth Revival Feb. 15 - Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

St. Mark Baptist Church in Glenwood, Ala. will hold a Black History program on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 4:00 p.m.

\*\*\*Brotherhood Revival and Men's Conference will be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Feb. 20 - Feb. 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

\*\*\*On February 2, 2002, the children and grandchildren of Era Lindsey Belcher, Elba, hosted a birthday dinner in her honor, at her home. Those attending this grand occasion were: Rev. Joyce B. Johnson, Columbia, Ala., Alon Belcher, K. K. Belcher, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Kathy Johnson, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala.; Minister Robert Edwards, Opp, Ala.; Edward Phillips, Blue Columbia, S.C.; Harold Williams, Elba Johnson, Bettye Jeffree, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Dee'Nard and Ree'Nita Enterprise, Ala.; Mike Manning, Evelyn and Lynsey, Jason and Mason Guley, Ernestine Kelley, Melissa, Jann, Caleb, Wesley, Lay Lay, Brandon, Brandy, Lydia, and Tiffany, Minister Ronnie Russell and Kimberly, Maria Duncan and Myron, Curtis Kelley, Tom Kelley, and Tonya Smith.

\*\*\*A Black History Program will be held at Shady Grove

Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson  
Rev. Johnson to speak in  
Montgomery

The LeGrand Community Church Family will hold their annual Family and Friends Day on February 17, 2002 at 12:00 noon. A commemoration of black history will also be held in the program. The guest speaker will be Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson of Leighton, Ala. The church is located in Montgomery.

\*\*\*I sincerely thank each one for the gifts, cards, telephone calls, balloons and the beautiful floral. God bless each of you for making my birthday wonderful! Today is a good day; I was another challenge. I could not feel satisfied about myself and the way I lived.

It made no difference how good I was, something was missing. My sister invited me to church. She said they were having revival and it was a great time. I wanted to show everyone I could have a great time too. I went to church and the pastor was preaching about the Tabernacle and all of its furnishings. The outer court and inner court and the Holly of Holies. He said, Jesus wanted to make us his dwelling place. He then made a statement that rattled me. He said "Everyone in this church would be going straight to hell if it were not for Jesus Christ. Our works and our righteousness was as filthy rags and only by the forgiveness of our sins through the blood of Jesus, shed on the Cross at Calvary were any of us going to make it to Heaven". My heart jumped

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Sunday!You'll be glad  
you did.IN HIM  
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WORLDELBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Sam Totten, PastorSunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
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BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Elbert Phillips-Cope, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

BETHIL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

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# SCHOOLS

## New gardening tradition exhibit tours the state

A new exhibit from the Alabama Center for traditional culture examines the gardening and yard decoration traditions in the state. "In the Garden: Traditional Culture and Horticulture in Alabama" will tour schools, museums and libraries across the state during 2002 and 2003.

To produce the exhibit folklorist Anne Kimzey traveled around the state interviewing gardeners and photographing their gardens, plants, yard art and traditional landscapes. The free-standing display sits on a tabletop and includes 43 color images and text. These represent only a sample of the diverse gardening traditions in the state.

"A garden is the artist's creation of an individual gardener, and Kimzey. "But a gardener often represents a community aesthetic as well as his or her own."

She explained that gardeners themselves may be an ephemeral art form, but many of the traditional preferences, beliefs and practices associated with gardening endure.

Included in the exhibit are topics such as vegetable gardening, flower gardening, native plants, herb gardens and medicinal uses of plants; religious landscapes, pest control (scarecrows, gourd martin houses, repellent plants, commercial insecticide); structures (grape arbor, bean poles), a garden club's butterfly garden, Easter egg trees, Christmas yard decorations, a church flower guild's Easter arrangements, hay bale sculpture, whitewashed tree trunks, swept yard, traditional cemetery, flower competition, produce at the curb market, and gardens of Cambodian immigrants featuring southeast Asian plants.

The project was produced by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture with support from the National Endowment for the Arts' Heritage and Preservation Program, the Alabama Folklife Association and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

The exhibit is available for bookings. For more information contact the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture (334) 242-4076, or HYPERLINK "mailto:anne@arts.state.al.us" anne@arts.state.al.us

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## Tiger Tales

Editor: Katie Grimes

## EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Amanda Spicer



This week's EHS Faculty Spotlight is focused on Amella Rhoades.

Mrs. Rhoades teaches 7th and 10th grade English, and she has been teaching at Elba for a year.

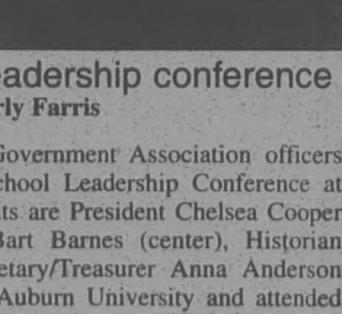
Mrs. Rhoades attended Kinston High School and then attended Troy State University. Her past teaching experience includes 30 years spent at Kinston High School.

Mrs. Rhoades is married to Harold Rhoades, and she has two daughters, Suzanne and Tiffany, and one son, Brie. Her hobbies include water skiing and flower gardening.

Mrs. Rhoades is a member of Inn Baptist Church. She won the Volleyball State 1A championship in 1997, received the State Volleyball Coach of the Year award in 1997 (IA-6A),



EHS student Courtney Pelham shadowed Stokes & Murray, Attorneys at Law through the Groundhog Day Shadowing Program sponsored by Tech Prep Program at MacArthur State Technical College. Pictured (L-R) Courtney Pelham and Jackson W. Stokes.



Amella Rhoades and she is the varsity softball and volleyball coach at EHS.

Mrs. Rhoades was inspired to become a teacher by her desire to love and help other people as well as by one of her high school teachers. If she could no longer teach, she would want to be an interior decorator.



The opportunity of weighing differential aspects of occupation quality would not have been possible for Elba undergraduates if it were not for the tireless efforts of event coordinators Donald Lawford of Elba High School and Kaye Winkworth of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Thank to the diligence of the coordinators and the sponsorship of McArthur State Technical College, education and industry will continue to merge to preserve the hopes and dreams of future generations.

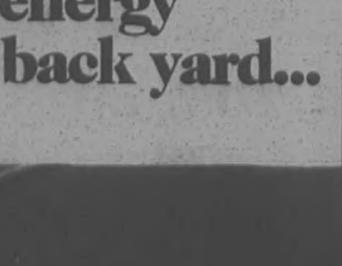


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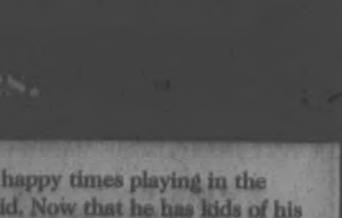


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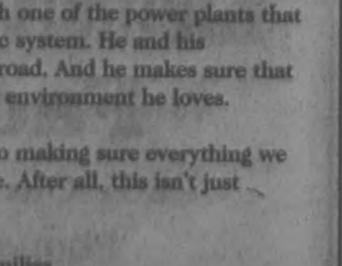
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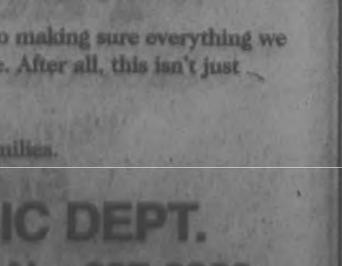


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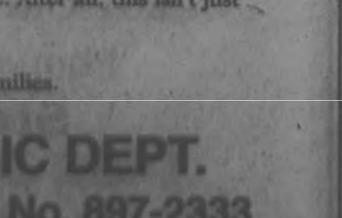


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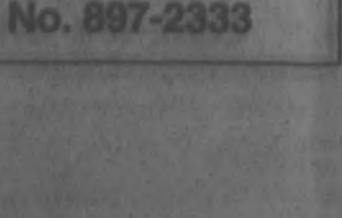


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# SPORTS

## Views from... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, Melanie turned thirteen last Monday and on Saturday night had her first date and she went to a formal dance at Elba High School. The girls in the Mularz house don't really date until they turn sixteen, but since she had gone to the beauty shop and had on a formal gown, I guess Saturday night's dance might qualify. Now if we can only last three more years before the next one!

### DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

\*\*\* The high school basketball season came to an unexpected end for both the Elba Tigers and Elba Lady Tigers last week when the teams were eliminated in opening round action in the Class 3A, Area 2 tournaments.

The Tigers carried a 16-4 record into their opener against Pike County and were coming off a big win over highly-ranked G.W. Long, but the Tigers never settled into their style of play due to the physical play of Pike County, and saw their season end for the second straight year at the hands of the Bulldogs. Elba had hoped to advance to sub-region play and possibly make a return trip to the regional at Troy State after posting one of its best records in years. However, the Tigers once again came up one win short, and will have to be satisfied with knowing that they did well back on the map in high school basketball. Elba will lose senior starters John Mitchell and Abia Williams, but will return starters Kyle English, Marcus Henderson and Tim Andrews, and should be ready to make another run at a title next season. Coach Karl Bledsoe has been at the helm for two years now, and with his system soundly in place, all Tigers fans believe the best is yet to come.

The Lady Tigers took a 14-6 record into their opening round clash with Calhoun and were confident after posting two wins over Calhoun during the regular season, only to lose by two points and fail to make a sub-region appearance for the first time in three years. The Lady Tigers played hard from the opening whistle until the final horn and had to scratch and claw their way up and down the court against a very aggressive Calhoun defense, but still had the chance to pull out the win late after a gallant fourth quarter rally. The Lady Tigers lose two starters in seniors Rachel Bludsworth and Kerri Lawford, but have some quality players back in seniors Ayonna Proctor and Laguna Mack, as well as Latoya Tyson, who should be ready to make the team late and strong next year. If coach Leroy Carney can find some players to step up, the Elba Lady Tigers should be more than ready for yet another big season on the court.

\*\*\* The area tournaments weren't kind for the teams in the area as only the Kinston Bulldogs, Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Brantley Lady Bulldogs were able to survive their opening round games. The Kinston boys cruised past Zion Chapel in a big win and are hoping to bounce back after a late-season slump, while the Kinston girls whipped Arion for the fourth time this season and are now entering uncharted ground. Brantley's girls made headlines with an upset win over ninth-ranked Pleasant Home, and the Lady Bulldog fans are hoping the girls can erase the disappointments of years past with a late-season surge. In other boys action, New Brockton and Zion Chapel saw their disappointing seasons come to a merciful end, while Brantley was upset in its area opener and once again fell far short of its goals. Over in girls play, New Brockton lost for Samson for the third time this season and ended its season earlier than expected. Zion Chapel was forced to forfeit its final game after not having enough healthy players to dress out in the tournament. The Lady Rebels played many games with only five players late in the season, and after having to forfeit its area tourney opener, maybe it is time to reevaluate the program up at Zion Chapel.

\*\*\* The youth basketball season will wind down this weekend, and it has been one of the busiest seasons ever for the young boys and girls here in Elba. The leagues played anywhere from 10 to 14 games a week, and for the first time ever made weekly trips to Opp to help support the Opp program. Basketball is alive and well for the youth of Elba, and the youth leagues are proud to share in the success of the junior high and high school teams. Elba will have four All-Star teams entered in A.R.P.A. tournament play in early March, with three teams in boys play and one in girls action. Tournament brackets will be drawn up later, but I urge all Elba fans to come out and watch these youngsters in action. They deserve it, and are the future of the sport in Elba for years to come.

\*\*\* In closing...I have to give a big pat on the back to the Elba basketball fans that supported the Tigers and Lady Tigers all season long. The Elba fans had more people in the bleachers than the home team for many road games, and at last week's tournaments almost filled up their seats as they cheered on their teams. The support of the team plays a big role in the success of the program, and it has to make the players and coaches proud to see such fantastic support whenever they play. Great job Tiger fans...you are #1 and let everyone all across the state know that Elba fans are proud to wear the black and gold and support Elba High in everything that is done...on and off the field of competition.

## Fall to Pike County 66-59

### Tigers ousted early in area tournament

The Elba Tigers saw their season come to an abrupt end Saturday night in the opening round of the Class 3A, Area 2 basketball tournament when they were defeated by the Pike County Bulldogs 66-59 in Calhoun.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 16-5, while Pike County upped its record to 10-12 with the win and advanced to the area finals.

The Tigers grabbed a quick 2-0 lead on a lay-up by Marcus Henderson and later led 4-2 on a jumper by Abia Williams, only to see Pike County score six straight points to take an 8-4 lead with 5:12 remaining in the opening stanza.

Elba pulled within 12-10 late in the quarter on a basket by Tim Andrews, but the Bulldogs closed the quarter ahead 14-10, and then scored the first five points of the second quarter to go on top 19-10 with 6:40 left in the half.

Elba picked up the pace on both ends of the court after a time-out and led by the play of Kyle English and John Mitchell went on a 17-4 run to carry a 27-23 lead at the half.

Kyle English scored seven points during the Tiger rally and almost single-handedly got the Bulldogs out of foul trouble by driving to the basket and drawing fouls, while Mitchell, held scoreless in the opening quarter, scored six points in the final three minutes to help the Tigers take charge inside.

Elba's lead grew to 28-23 early in the third quarter on a Kyle English free-throw. However, the Tigers began to have problems with Pike County's aggressive full-court press, and scored only one point for the next four minutes as Elba saw time run out on the clock. However, the Tigers rallied behind the play of Zel Daniels and Marcus Henderson, and caught the Bulldogs at 54-54 with 2:11 still left in the game.

Pike County scored 13 points in the fourth quarter to move on top 58-54, and the Tigers never got any closer than four points for the closing two minutes as Elba saw time run out on the clock and on its season, as Pike County pulled away late to post the 66-59 win.

John Mitchell scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 13, Zel Daniels 12 and Kyle English 10. Nick Walker scored 22 points, while attempting to break the Pike County press, and was then ejected from the game after a foul attempt to swing at the Bulldog player while he was rolling on the court in pain.

The ejection disrupted the Tigers' game plan, and Pike County took advantage of the sudden change in momentum to go on a 10-3 run to take a big

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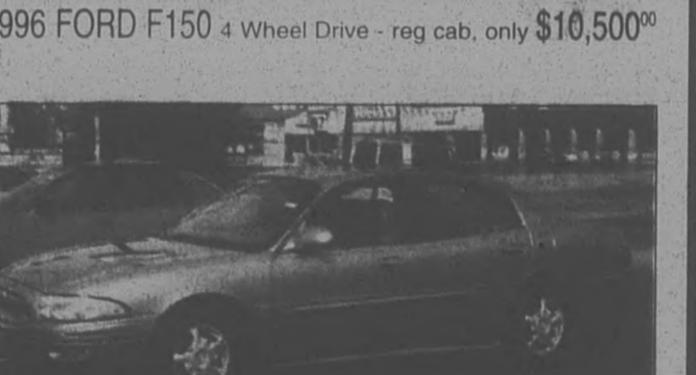
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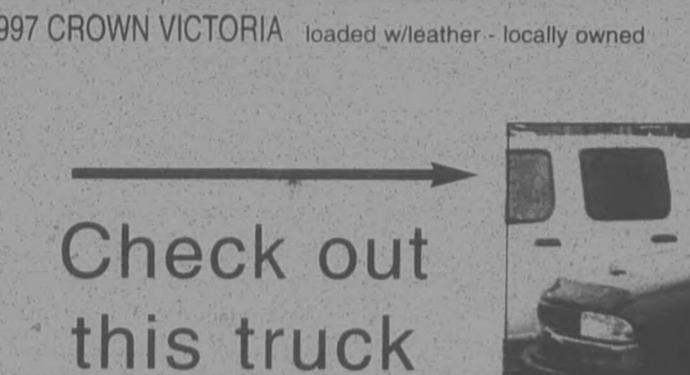
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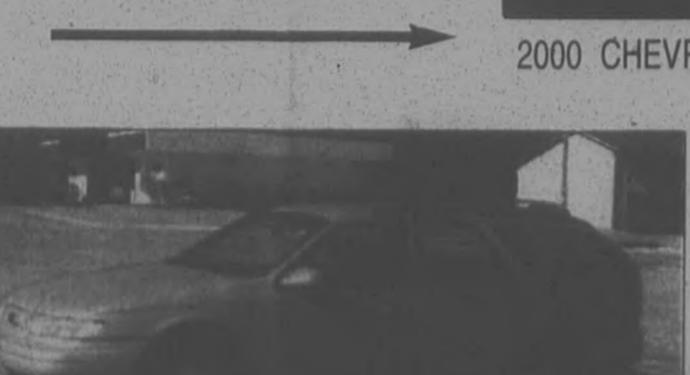


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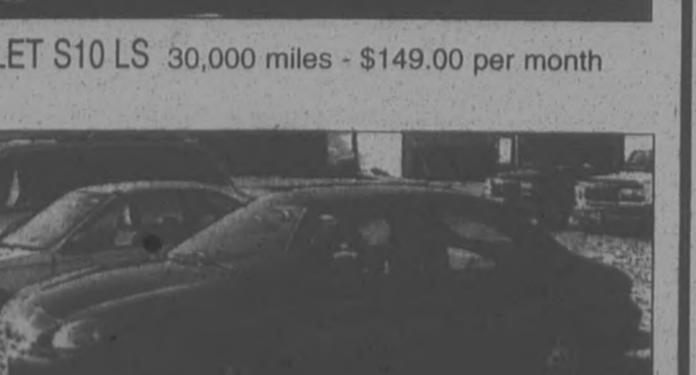
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## Elba Police continue investigation of mobile home fires

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the Elba Police Department announced the arrest of a juvenile suspect in regards to a mobile home fire which occurred late Tuesday night, Feb. 12.

The 14-year-old male juvenile was taken into custody after an investigation led officers to believe he had started the fire which caused moderate damage to a mobile home located in Lot 1 at the Brumson Trailer Court on Davis Street in Elba. According to police, the suspect was a resident of the mobile home.

Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth said the juvenile was later charged with 1st Degree Arson - burning of an occupied dwelling. He was transported to the Juvenile Division Center in Dothan.

At this time, Whitworth said an investigation is continuing to determine the cause of another mobile home fire which occurred Thursday evening, Feb. 7. In this incident, the mobile home was unoccupied. It was completely destroyed by the fire.

As the Elba Police Department continues its investigation of the two separate fires, officers are trying to determine if the incidents are related since the homes were located to one another.

Anyone with information pertaining to either incident is asked to call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

**Worthless check round-up set for Tuesday, Feb. 26**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The District Attorney's office for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit announced its plans this week for the upcoming worthless check round-up to be held in Coffee County.

Mark E. Fuller, District Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, said the worthless check round-up will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, in both counties; however, potential defendants can take care of this matter beforehand to avoid participation with the event.

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